

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Bucolo et al.
Application No.	:	10/812,551
Filed	:	March 29, 2004
Title	:	NEW FREE-RADICAL SCAVENGER CONTAINING VISCOELASTIC COMPOSITION, METHODS OF USE AND PACKAGE
Group/Art Unit	:	1612
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Docket No.	:	P03491

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated March 19, 2008, the Examiner required restriction between three groups of inventions: Claims 1-28 (Group I), Claims 29-43 (Group II); and Claims 44-46 (Group III). Applicants hereby elect the Claims of Group I for further examination without traverse.

Applicants also elect the following species with respect to the dependent claims listed by the Examiner on page 5 of the Official Action:

With respect to a viscoelastic polymer as in claim 12, Applicants elect hyaluronic acid.

With respect to a polyol as in claims 3 to 7, Applicants elect a hexahydric alcohol, i.e., claim 3.

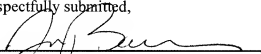
With respect to a polysaccharide as in claim 14, Applicants again elect hyaluronic acid.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-14, 18-23 and 25-28 are generic to the election of viscoelastic polymer being hyaluronic acid. Claim 24 is canceled, and claims 29-43 (Group II) and claims 44-46 (Group III) are withdrawn.

A listing of claims is provided beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications at an appropriate future time. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing election.

Respectfully submitted,



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